(b) whether any guidevne have been suggested by Central Government to the State Government for invoking TADA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) As per information obtained from the Government of Tamil Nadu, 128 persons have so far been detained by them under TADA.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Killing of Train Passengers at Sohian Railway Crossing

279. SHRI HARVENDPA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the terrorists in Punjab gunned down 60 train passengers at Sohian railway crossing near Jagraon on 26-12-91;

(b) if so, whether the terrorists have not been nabbed till date;

(c) if so, the details of the compensation paid by Government to the next of kin of those killed by terrorists; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to provide safety to railway commuters in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) According to available information from the Govt. of Punjab, 52 passengers were killed and 18 were injured on 26-12-91 at Sohian railway crossing near Jagraon.

(b) A case has been registered against the culprits and State Govt. has been making all efforts to nab the culprits.

(c) The Govt. of Punjab have formulated a scheme according to which an *ex-gratia* grant of Rs. 50,000/- to the next of kin of persons killed in terrorists violence is paid. Widows of the deceased persons are also allowed subsistence allowance of Rs. 1,000 per month till one member of the family is absorbed in Government Service. Injured persons are paid an *ex-gratia* grant of Rs. 5,000— plus total reimbursement of expenditure on indoor treatment. A lumpsum grant of Rs. 50,000/- is paid in case of 100% disability. A compensation upto Rs. one lakh is paid for the loss of property. Marriage grant of Rs. 10,000/- is paid for the marriage of daughter and sister of person killed. Facility of loah at concessional rates and free education to the children of victims of terrorist violence are also extended.

(d) The security agencies are taking appropriate action including patrolling of rail tracks etc.

Steps to curb Terrorism

280. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that at the 17th meeting of the Central Zonal Council held in Lukcknow on January 8, 1992, a two-pronged plan was evolved for tackling terrorism which was no longer confined only to Punjab and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have taken so far for tackling terrorism in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to c) The Government is fully alive to the situation created by the terrorists elements in the country and is determined to ensure that a durable climate of peace and stability prevails throughout the country. The policy of the Government is to deal firmly with the terrorists elements in the country and simultaneously step up socio-economic development in the affected areas to redress to the genuine grievances of the people. Various steps are being taken by the Government in this direction with the close co-operation of the State Governments concerned. The Central Government is rendering all possible assistnace to the affected States in the form of additional para-military forces, provsion of training facilities to the State police personnel, improved communication facilities etc.

Killings and Border Crossing in J and K

281. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of killings, riots and cases of border crossing reported on the line of Actual Control in Jammu and Kashmir from January 1991 till 20th February, 1992;

(b) the number of security personnels and civilians killed during the above period;

(c) the amount of relief given to families of the deceased; and

(d) what measures Government are taking to defuse the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d) Between 1st January and 15th February, 1992 only one incident of infiltration on the Line of Control came to notice. During this period, on the Line of Control a total of 4 terrorists were killed and one arrested, and in terrorist violence in the State 14 security force personnel and 48 civilians were killed. The payment of *ex-gratia* assistance to the victims of the terrorist violence including the security force personnel is goverened by the scale prescribed in the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Order No. 723-GR (GAD) of 1990, dated 10-7-90.

The Government has stepped up vigil on the border to check infiltration/exfiltration and has further intensified the Intelligence operations.

Discussion on Terrorism in J and K

282. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the discussions going on for curbing terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the parties involved in such discussions; and

(c) the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) Discussions with prominent political personalities and eminent persons to find a solution in Jammu and Kashmir are part of an on going process. A meeting of the leaders of political parties and prominent personalities of the State was hald on 13th November, 1991. The Consultative Committee of the Home Ministry also exclusively discussed the situation in Jammu and Kashmir in its meeting held on 13th December, 1991. The National Integration Council on 31st December, 1991 and an all Party Conference on 10th February, 1992 also deliberated on the situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

Pensions to freedom Fighters

283. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of applications are pending for grant of pension to Freedom Fighters even though the concerned State Governments have recommended their cases ;

(b) if so, the number of such applications pending as on date ; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to clear these applications ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (c) All applications received by the prescribed date *i.e.* 31-3-82 have been considered and disposed of. Recommendations of State Govts., however, continue to be received both in respect of delayed applications as well as those rejected in the past. This is a continuous process and as on date the number of such references is 1321.

Killings by Terrorists in Uttar Pradesh

284. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of killings perpetrated by Punjab based Terrorists in Terai regions of Uttar Pradesh during the last year till date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): From 22-2-1991 to 21-2-1992, a total number of 245 persons were killed in the State in terrorist activities, among them 28 were police personnel, 53 Sikhs and 132